in the efficacy and competence of the Administrative apparatus.

(c) and (d) Analysis and assessment of law and order and security scenario in the country is an ongoing process in the Central Government, keeping in view its constitutional obligations. In the process of discharging these obligations the Central Government also interacts with the State Governments. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration to depute any team to Maharashtra or any other State.

Linguistic Survey

3885. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any linguistic survey of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of people speaking vernaculars language is on the decline;

(d) if so, the factual position thereof indicating the number of people speaking vernaculars languages; language-wise in 1971 and 1991; and

(e) the steps being taken to arrest the declining trend of vernacular speakers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The comparison of 1971 and 1991 Census language figures does not indicate any declining trend in general among the vernacular languages except six vernacular languages.

(d) Language-wise figures as per the 1971 and the 1991 Censuses for vernacular languages where the number has declined are given below:

S. No.	Name of the language	Number of Speakers	
		1971 Census	1991 Census
1.	Bhumij	51,651	45,302
2.	Dogri	1,299,143	89,681*
3.	Jatapu	36,450	25,730
4.	Konda	33,720	17,864
5.	Lahnda	41,935	27,386*
6.	Parji	73,912	44,001

*Decrease in speakers strength in 1991 Census for Dogri and Lahnda can be attributed due to non inclusion of figures of speakers of these two languages of Jammu and Kashmir as 1991 Census was not conducted in this State.

(e) Since the general declining trend is not evident from the census data, the question of taking remedial steps does not arise.

Factors for decline in vernacular speaking populace

3886. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of people speaking important Indian Languages such as Malayalam, Oriya, Sindhi, Konkani, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Assamee and Marathi etc. has been declining over past three years;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such decline; and

(c) what steps have been proposed by Government to enhance these vernacular languages in near future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Since no census has been conducted during the last three years, the information sought is not known.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.